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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S PRESS STATEMENT, MAY 22;
ATTENDANCE AT RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION, AUGUST 21-SEPT. 15, IN
NEW YORK

REF: A) STATE 131424, B) STATE 134431

1. EMBOFF CALLED MAY 31 ON UNDER SECRETARY MINFOREIGN AFFAIRS,
KUMAR PRASAD GYANWALI, RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS SUBJECT MATTER TWO REFTELS.

2. EMBOFF GAVE GYANWALI COPY OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S
STATEMENT (WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN CIRCULATED BY ICA/NEPAL IN
WEEKLY BACKGROUNDER TO SOME 100JWKEY NEPALESE) AND ASKED FOR GON
REACTION TO DEVELOPMENTS AT LATEST LOS SESSION. GYANWALI, WHO
WAS CLEARLY PREOCCUPIED WITH SSOD (HE LEAVING WITH FONMINISTER
ARYAL JUNE 1 TO ATTEND SESSION), RESPONDED
THAT MINISTRY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED

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REPORT FROM ITS LOS DELEGATION AND AS RESULT HE WAS NOT REALLY
UP ON DEVELOPMENTS. EMBOFF THEN BRIEFLY REVIEWED OUR POSITIVE
REACTION TO SESSION, NOTING IN PARTICULAR THE APPARENT PROGRESS
ON LL/GDS ISSUE WHICH, OF COURSE, KEY TO NEPAL. EMBOFF STATED
HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO REVIEWING WITH GYANWALI GON REACTION
TO PROGRESS ON THAT AS WELL AS OTHER ISSUES PRIOR TO RESUMED
SESSION IN AUGUST.

3. ON ISSUE OF REPRESENTATION AT RESUMED SESSION, WE DOUBT THERE WILL BE MAJOR PROBLEM WITH NEPAL IN THIS REGARD, GON DELEGATION TO LOS SESSIONS HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN HEADED BY ITS UN PERM REP AND WITH SESSION TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK IT ALL THE MORE LIKELY THAT THIS PATTERN WILL CONTINUE--I.E. NEPALESE REPRESENTATION SHOULD REMAIN AT SAME LEVEL AS PREVIOUSLY. IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH GYANWALI, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT NEPAL HAD BEEN AMONG THOSE OPPOSING RESUMED SESSION IN AUGUST. (GON HAD BEEN CONCERNED PRIMARILY ABOUT CONFLICTING DEMANDS ON ITS LIMITED MANPOWER INVOLVED IN THESE ISSUES.) WITH DECISION HAVING BEEN TAKEN, HOWEVER, HE APPEARED TO APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING MOMENTUM. GYANWALI CONFITMED THAT, WHILE GON HAD NOT YET FOCUSED ON MAKE-UP OF ITS DELEGATION TO RESUMED SESSION, IT WAS MOST LIKELY THAT IT WOULD BE HEADED BY UN PERM REP. HECK UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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